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The Colored Convocation of the Diocese of North Carolina convened in St. Titus Church, Durham, N. C., Sept. 2nd, 1920 at 10:30 a. m.

Morning prayer was conducted by Rev. M. M. Weston of St. Luke's Church, Tarboro.

Rev. Roger E. Bunn of St. Mark's Church, Wilson, preached the annual sermon. He chose as his text the 14th and 15th verses of the 3rd chapter of I Timothy. He said in part: The church has in all ages been the inspiration and preserver of the scriptures. She does not make scripture, but collects and certifies as to the authenticity of the sacred writings, she transmits the scriptures to her children throughout the ages. As truth, the scriptures are to be studied, as law they are to be obeyed.

After singing hymn 33 the Holy Communion was celebrated by Bishop Delaney assisted by Archdeacon Baskerville, of South Carolina. The Epistle was read by the Rev. Milton M. Weston, the Gospel by the Rev. Jas. E. King. Services closed with the singing of hymn 505. Offering $2.71.

At 3:30 p. m., the Convocation was called to order by Bishop Delaney. The roll was called and the following clergy and delegates answered present:

Rt. Rev. H. B. Delaney, D.D., Revs. J. E. King, John E. G. Small, Joseph Hudson, Milton M. Weston, Roger E. Bunn, A. Myron Cochran.

Charlotte: St. Michael and All Angels—O. J. Jackson, Chas. Dixon, E. W. Morse.

Durham: St. Titus—Geo. W. King, Edw. Taylor.

Greensboro: Church of the Redeemer.

Henderson: Mission—Geo. C. Pollard, T. H. S. Royster.

Littleton: St. Anna's—G. E. Harris, R. L. Harris.

Louisburg: St. Matthias—Geo. C. Pollard, W. Boyd Foster.

Salisbury: St. Phillip's—W. B. Crittenden.

Monroe:

Pittsboro:

Raleigh: St. Augustine's—Chas. H. Boyer.

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Rocky Mount: Holy Hope

Satterwhite: St. Simeon.
Statesville: Holy Cross—W. B. Crittenden.
Tarboro: St. Luke's.
Warren Co.: St. Luke's—W. H. Russell.
Warrenton: All Saints
Wilson: St. Mark's—Walter S. Mitchell.
Winston-Salem: St. Stephen's—W. R. Cole.

On motion Mr. Chas. H. Boyer was elected secretary. On motion Rev. Jas. E King was elected treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, beg to submit the following report:

We have examined the treasurer's report and found it correct as read to the Convocation.

We recommend that the back salaries due teachers, be paid in full or in part as follows: Mrs. Estelle Hill, St. Matthias' School, Louisburg and Mrs. Sarah A. Small, St. Titus Parochial School, Durham.

We further recommend that a donation be made St. Michael's School, Charlotte, for kitchen equipment.

We recommend that twenty-five dollars be paid as salary to the Treasurer of the Convocation for his services. We further recommend that the Convocation give the Rev. Mr. Nero, fifty dollars for the church of the Redeemer, Greensboro.

REV. ROGER E. BUNN, Chm
REV. J. E. G. SMALL,
REV. J. H. HUDSON, Sec'y.

The Bishop then appointed the following committees:
On Credentials: Messrs. Small, Russell, Mitchell.
On Finance: Messrs. Bunn, Hudson, Small.
On State of the Church: Messrs. Cochran, Dunn, Latham.
On Appropriations: Messrs. King, Cochran, Plummer.
On Education, Messrs. Crittenden, Weston, Nero.
On Resolutions: Messrs. G. Harris, Pollard.

The next in order was the reading of the Bishop's Address. On motion of Mr. Small, it was voted to have the Bishop read his

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address at the night session in St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church and the Treasurer also to read his report. The Rev. J. E. King as Treasurer, read his report which showed the treasury in the best condition it has ever been, there being on hand $374.40. The report was received to be turned over into the hands of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Boyer then read the report of the Executive Committee as follows:

July 10, 1920.

The Executive Committee met in Raleigh at the call of Bishop Delaney to consider plans for the strengthening of the work of the diocese. The Bishop presented a copy of a letter written to Mr. Jno. W. Wood, Dept. of Missions, New York, to that effect:

The Committee discussed the new apportionments with the Bishop and it was decided to ask for $1000 for each rector or catechist in charge of missions and for the churches or missions under their care to raise $200 annually, so that their salaries may be increased to $1200 a year.

The report was adopted.

Mr. S. J. Dunn read an extensive and interesting report of St. Ambrose Church.

On motion the report was received as information.

Mr. Geo. C. Pollard reported the mission work of Henderson. He said they are meeting in the old church formerly used by the white people. These people have given this building to the mission and it is desired to move the building to a new site in a colored neighborhood. A lot valued at $1000 has been selected.

On motion the report was received as information.

The night service was held in St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church at 8 p. m. "The Church's One Foundation," was sung as processional. The scripture lesson was read by the Rev. A. Myron Cochran. Prayers were offered by the Rev. Jas. K. Satterwhite.

As a representative of the church, Prof. Mickell delivered a very cordial address of welcome. This was responded to by Bishop Delany. After Bishop Delany's address, the congregation sang, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Prof. W. B. Crittenden made an interetsing and instructive address on the Episcopal Church and its teachings and how it is

to be the salvation of so many of our people. He painted a vivid picture of hope of future development of world civilization to which the Negro will make a large contribution.

Mrs. Nell Hunter sang beautfully a solo, "There is a Green Hill far Away."

Then followed the annual report of Bishop H. B. Delaney.

After the taking up of the offering, a resolution of thanks was tendered by Mr. Boyer in behalf of the Convocation to the Pastor, Trustees and members of St. Joseph's Church. The resolutions are as follows:

Whereas the pastor and members of St. Joseph's Church have so cordially extended the Convocation the courtesy of their church for the public meeting of the Convocation,

Therefore, be it resolved: That we tender our grateful thanks for the same.

Resolved further: That we express our deep appreciation to the choir of St. Joseph's for supplying the music for the occasion.

After the closing prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the service ended with the singing of "Abide with me." as recessional.

Offerings, $8.25.

At 7:30 Friday a. m., Corporate Communion for the Woman's Auxiliary and Daughters of St. Mary was celebrated by the Rev. M. M. Weston.

FRIDAY MORNING

Morning session was called to order by Bishop Delany at 10:30. Committee on Education, W. B. Crittenden, Sec. made a most excellent report on which he enlarged by elucidating explanations and illustrations. This report arouesd a very spirited and helpful discussion, participated in by Messrs. Plummer, King, Latham, Small and Boyer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education beg to make the following report:

We feel that from the very nature and character of the church services, she is greatly handicapped in her work among the col-

ored people of the South. This Convocation should go on record as endorsing an especial Educational Campaign. 1st, by urging the ministry to stress church instruction at some service. Pamphlets asking and answering some practical inquiries, and explaining the meaning of the church services should be effectually distributed and commented on from the chancel. In other words, a missionary movement for knowing the church should be inaugurated in every church and mission centre.

Secondly. We advise that this Convocation emphasize a nation wide movement for establishing parochial schools more generally, since the Church is the church of the future among the colored people. She must depend upon the young trained Negro for her recruits.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. M. M. WESTON, Chm.
REV. C. A. NERO,
W. B. CRITTENDEN, Sec.

On motion the report was adopted.

Dr. J. E. Shepard, President of the National Training School being present, was introduced to the Convocation and made a very hearty and encouraging address. Dr. Shepard was given a rising vote of thanks by the Convocation.

Bishop Delany made an appeal to the Convocation for the use as a discretionary fund of the offerings made on his official visits to the several parishes and missions.

At this point, Archdeacon Baskerville made a brief but very effective talk on the discretionary fund for the Bishop saying that he ought to have it and that every opportunity of honoring the Bishop should be taken.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported through their Chairman, Mr. A. Myron Cochran. The report was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH

We. the Committee on the State of the Church, beg leave to submit the following report: The Diocesan Journal, in its detailed account of the status of the various parishes and missions of the Convocation, reveals a reasonably good condition of affairs

for which we are profoundly thankful and take a large measure of pride in the zealous devotion of our several missionaries in the works entrusted to their care.

This condition of affairs we say is only fairly good as a statistical compilation of facts will reveal: In the eighteen parishes and missions there have been, during the past year, 55 baptisms and 42 confirmations, giving the averages of a little more than three and a little more than two in the number of acquisitions to our Church in our Convocation through these sacramental channels.

This meagre advance is woefully disappointing when we think of the grandeur of the Church in whose service we are enlisted.

The causes of the advancement of any movement are to be looked for from many sources: 1st, the need of the organization, 2nd, the zeal of the exponents of the organization; 3rd, the amount of funds available to put the organization forward; 4th, the results to be derived from enlistment in the organization advocated. Of the first and last of these causes our own experiences convince us, beyond question, that the need of the Church among our people is tremendous, becoming, as they are, more and more educated every day and thus capable of understanding and appreciating the truth of Her teachnigs. Similarly our experiences testify to the tremendous benefits to be derived from enlistment in the service of the Kingdom of God. Hence, the second and third causes enumerated above remain as the basis for some recommendation on the part of this Committee. We therefore respectfully urge upon every person, to whom the Church means the silghtest measure of good, an untiring zeal for the advancement of Her cause. In far too many instances our churchemen and church-women give their service in helping our works forward only in so far as the opportunities of service do not conflict with their private interests; one fact alone will convince us of the truth of this statement—go to almost any of our works and we imagine there will be found only a lukewarm interest and zeal in the development and forward movement of the Sunday School on the part of Sunday School teachers. Rather ought it to be that the largest measure of the church-workers' zeal be exerted for the development of this department of our work, for only in so far as the Sunday School of to-day is

made a live, healthy organism, pulsating with energy and enthusiasm can we look with confidence to a strong, full-grown church in the years to come.

We respectfully recommend an increase of 100 per cent in the measure of the zeal of every churchman and churchwoman thruout the Convocation for the S. S. Department of our works.

A consideration of the appeals of the various missionaries and delegates on the floor of this Convocation made in the light of the third cause, viz: the amount of funds available for the advancement of our organization, brings into the minds of your Committee a realization of the very little that we are doing to enable our leaders and especially our Bishop who is filled with an overwhelming zeal for the extension of the Kingdom, to carry forward the work, especially in the smaller and weaker stations.

We, therefore, recommend that the present budget of the Convocation (amounting to $352 annually) be increased fifty per cent in order that more and reasonably regular ministrations may be had throughout the territory of this Convocation.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. A. MYRON COCHRAN, Chm.
SAM'L. J. DUNN,
Wm. H. RUSSELL.

Rev. J. E. King offered the following resolution:

Resolved that this Convocation ask the Bishop to appoint a Committee of 2 clergy and 3 laymen to take up the matter of Sunday School work and to report at this meeting or at the next as may be more expedient.

The resolution was adopted.

The Bishop appointed the following Committee: Rev. Jas. E. King, Rev. A. Myron Cochran, Prof. W. B. Crittenden, Mr. Geo. C. Pollard, Rev. G. E. Harris.

The meeting then adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting was called to order by the Bishop at 3:30 p. m.

On motion the privilege of the floor of the Convocation was conferred on the Rev. Jas. K. Satterwhite, a former member of this Convocation, now serving as rector of St. Philip's Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. R. L. Harris of Littleton spoke very hopefully of the work there, especially commending the Rev. Jos. Hudson for his faith. ful service in that mission.

Mr. Russell of Warren County made a plea for at least one service a month at St. Luke's. The Bishop said that an effort would be made to grant his request.

Mr. W. S. Mitchell made a favorable report of St. Mark's Church, Wilson.

Mr. Bunn, for the Finance Committee reported that there is a deficit of $57 for entertainment of delegates.

Bishop Delany then finished reading his annual report, part of which had been read at Thursday night's service.

On motion, the Secretary's salary was increased to $35. On motion, it was voted that the Convocation donate $50 to Mr. Small to make up the deficit for entertainment of delegates.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported through their chairman, Rev. J. E. King that they had made progress, but more time was needed for working out the details and that they would have matured plans ready to submit to the Convocation next year.

The meeting adjourned.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The service of Evening Prayer was begun with the singing of hymn 516 as processional.

The Bishop confirmed one candidate.

After singing hymn 505, Archdeacon Baskerville was introduced as the preacher of the evening. He chose as his text, the following: "Quit you like men; be strong." I Corinthians 16:13. He said in part: The meaning of the text is to play the man. It calls for the best in the life of all, men and women alike; that we should not have two standards, but all should be measured by the same standard; that we should fight every vestige of sin within or without us. We must play our part for man and for

God. As faithful soldiers, we must fight for God, work for God. We must play the man, work for Christ's Kingdom, help to get up classes for confirmation.

"Work for the Night is Coming," was then sung.

At this point an excellent paper on the Junior Auxiliary work was read by Miss Connie Young.

A resolution was presented by Bishop Delaney to cooperate with the dioceses of E. Carolina and S. Carolina in forming a joint Convocation of three dioceses.

RESOLUTION

The Convocation among the Colored People in the Diocese of North Carolina records its willingness to cooperate with the Dioceses of South Carolina and East Carolina in plans looking towards organizing the workers of the three Dioceses into a Missionary Conference.

Therefore, be it resolved: That this Convocation stands ready to answer the call for the initial meeting, the call of the Bishop Suffragan.

On motion the resolution was carried.

It was moved and seconded that a Committee of three be appointed by the Bishop Suffragan to collect and disseminate knowledge of the Church among the people.

The Bishop appointed Mr. Chas. H. Boyer, Chm., Mr. W. B. Crittenden and Dr. J. O. Plummer.

Mr. Small in behalf of his congregation expressed appreciation to the Convocation to Archdeacon Baskerville and Bishop Delany for the inspiration that has come to him and his work through this meeting, and he also thanked the citizens of the city who have helped to make it pleasant and comfortable for the members of the Convocation.

On invitation of Mr. Mitchell the Convocation voted to meet at St. Mark's, Wilson in 1921.

On motion it was voted to take up an offering in behalf of the Woman's Auxiliary to give to St. Titus Church to be used at their discretion for a memorial of this meeting.

The Committee on Resolutions then reported as follows:

Whereas, the Pastors and members of the St. Joseph A. M. E. Church were so gracious and friendly as to give the use of their beautiful church for our public meeting on Thurday night and as the choir also rendered the music for the services;

And whereas: The Pastor and members of the Presbyterian church granted the same privilege to the ladies of the Convocation for their meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary on Friday;

And whereas: The good people of Durham have been so kind and hospitable in taking care of the delegates and making them comfortable in their homes;

Therefore, be it resolved: That we extend our sincere thanks to the pastors, choir, and members of said churches, and to the Rector and Congregation of St. Titus for all the courtesies shown us during our stay in this city.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. HARRIS,
GEO. C. POLLARD,
CHAS. H. BOYER, Chm.

All business being finished, the doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced and the Convocation adjourned sine die.